THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.2328 of 2007

Date: 08.02.2007

Between:

Ganto Manoj Kumar and another.

....Petitioners

And

The District Registrar, Registration and Stamps Department, Visakhapatnam and another.

....Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioners state that a General Power of Attorney was executed in their favour on 20.05.2004, in respect of the land, admeasuring Ac.1.22 cents, in Survey No.169/3 of Adavivaram Village, Chinagadhili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. According to them, the said General Power of Attorney was presented to the respondents for registration. The grievance of the petitioners is that the respondents are not accepting the document for registration, on the ground that the Government issued a notification under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908 (for short 'the Act'), in respect of the land in the said Survey Number. This writ petition is filed seeking appropriate directions to the respondents, in this regard.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Pleader for Revenue.

Section 22-A of the Act empowered the Government to issue notifications almost preventing the registration of documents in respect of the lands to be mentioned therein. Such a power was held to be *ultra vires* and the provision was struck down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***State of Rajasthan v. Basanth Nahata***[1]**.**

Once the sole basis for the respondents to refuse registration had disappeared, they are under obligation to receive the documents and consider the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to receive and process the document presented by the petitioners and take necessary steps, in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act and the Registration Act, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J

Date: 08.02.2007
Note: Issue C.C. in one week.

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[1] AIR 2005 SC 3401 = (2005) 12 SCC 77